

## Minutes – December 10, 2015

The following members of the Board were present at the County Commissioners' Meeting Room, Charles County Government Building, for a regular hearing of the Board of License Commissioners: Pamela Smith, Chairman, William B. Young, Vice Chairman, Guy N. Black, Thomasina Coates, and Steve Lowe were present. Also appearing in support of the Board were M/Cpl. Judith Thompson, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator; Inspector Greg Kiesel, Associate County Attorney Matthew Clagett, and Lisa Bailey, Clerk/Recording Secretary.

1. Upon a motion made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following temporary alcoholic beverage license applications were approved:

Indian Head Center for the Arts, Inc., by Kerry Doss. Appearing on behalf of the applicant was John D. Hungerford, Esq., for four (4) temporary alcoholic beverages license to sell/serve BWL inside the Black Box Theatre, Indian Head, on Sunday, December 13, 2015 and on Fri, Sat & Sun, 12/18, 19 & 20, each event from 6pm -Midnight, for a fundraiser with approx. 60 people expected to attend.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church by Phillip Hamilton, Chair/Silent Auction, for a temporary alcoholic beverages license to sell/serve BWL inside the Ritter Fellowship Hall, 3545 Piney Church Rd, Waldorf, Saturday, January 23, 2016 from 6-9 p.m., (snow date: 1/30/16) for their 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Auction/fundraiser with approx. 150 people expected to attend.

2. Laurie Warren, Michael L. Kaplan, Terry D. Harryman, Red Robin of Charles County, Inc., t/a Red Robin, 3072 Waldorf Marketplace, Waldorf, Maryland 20603, appeared for a transfer of the Class B/BLX – Beer, Wine & Liquor (on sale only) alcoholic beverage license issued to Laurie R. Warren, Terry D. Harryman, Douglas Christman, Red Robin of Charles County, Inc., t/a Red Robin, 3072 Waldorf Marketplace, Waldorf, Maryland 20603. Counsel to the applicant was Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire. Testimony was presented by Mr. Kaplan pertaining to the facts contained in the application which evidences Mr. Kaplan replacing Mr. Douglas Christman as an officer of Red Robin of Charles County, Inc. Mr. Kaplan also serves as Sr. Vice President and Chief Legal Counsel for the parent company. The applicants anticipate no change in the type or operation of business to be conducted at the premises. Upon consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, and upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the transfer/substitution of officer as presented, contingent upon the payment of the appropriate transfer fee.

3. Jacob Ryan Grier, Charleston Grove, LLC, t/a Charleston Senior Community, 41 St. Patrick's Drive, Waldorf, Maryland 20603, appeared for a new Class B/H (Hotel) – Beer, Wine & Liquor (on sale only) alcoholic beverage license. Counsel to the applicant was David Martinez, Esquire. Testimony was presented by Mr. Grier pertaining to the facts contained in the application which evidences Mr. Grier as the sole authorized member of Charleston Grove, LLC, holding a 30% interest in the LLC, and meeting the residency requirements. The remaining interest is held by the Estate of Carl Baldus (35%), and the Estate of Barbara Baldus

(35%). The applicant anticipates an opening date in January, 2016. This license is an accommodation to a 168 room retirement residence. The licensed premises is defined as the restaurant/banquet facility, with no alcoholic beverages allowed beyond the dining area, outlined in the diagram presented and marked as Exhibit I. The applicant anticipates light entertainment, their hours limited between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., with at least 2-3 TAM certified managers. Upon consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, and upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the new license as presented, contingent upon presentation of a Use & Occupancy Permit and payment of the appropriate license and entertainment fees.

4. That applicant, Nattha Kaewsai, PNT, LLC, t/a Kaow Thai Restaurant, 68 Drury Drive, La Plata, Maryland 20646, appeared for a new Class B/RB (Restaurant/Bar) Beer, Wine & Liquor (on sale only) alcoholic beverage license. Counsel to the applicant was Isaac McAdams, Esquire. Testimony was presented by Ms. Kaewsai pertaining to the facts contained in the application which evidences Ms. Kaewsai as the sole managing member and authorized member of PNT, LLC, holding a 50% interest in the LLC, and meeting the residency requirements. The remaining interest is held by Parit Yuwapanichsampan (22%), Thanyanan Jeammaneeprakit (16%), and Naruchol Ketmeteekearoon (12%). The restaurant is proposed to accommodate 99 seats, with at least 6 employees, all older than 21 years, and TAMs certified. The applicant anticipates light entertainment, with single performers, small bands, and mostly acoustic music. The applicant further anticipates an opening date by the end of January, 2016. Upon consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, and upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the new license as presented, contingent upon presentation of a Use & Occupancy Permit, Health Permit, Sales Tax Identification No., and payment of the appropriate license and entertainment fees.

5. That applicant, Jae Hyung Yoon, Smallwood Wine & Spirits, Inc., t/a Westlake Liquors, 1182 Smallwood Drive, Waldorf, Maryland 20603, appeared for a transfer of the Class A – Beer, Wine & Liquor (off sale only) Package Goods alcoholic beverage license from Jae Hyung Yoon, DKC Liquors, Inc., t/a Westlake Liquors, 1182 Smallwood Drive, Waldorf, Maryland 20603. Counsel to the applicant was Bob Kim, Esquire. Testimony was presented by Mr. Hyung pertaining to the facts contained in the application which evidences Mr. Hyung continuing as sole licensee for the premises trading as Westlake Liquors, formerly as an officer of DKC Liquors, Inc., now holding a 20% interest in Smallwood Wine & Spirits, Inc., and serving as the sole officer. The remaining 80% interest in Smallwood Wine & Spirits is held by Kiran S. Patel. The applicant anticipates no change in the type or operation of business to be conducted at the premises. Upon consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, and upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the transfer/substitution of officer as presented, contingent upon a new Use & Occupancy Permit, Md. Sales Tax ID, and Lease Amendment, along with payment of the appropriate transfer fee.

6. The clerk advised that Betty Jean Knabe, The Royal Tea Room, LLC, t/a The Royal Tea Room, 130 Charles Street, La Plata, Maryland, 20646, turned in her Class H – Beer & Wine (on sale only) alcoholic beverage license as she is no longer in business.

7. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the November 12, 2015 hearing.

8. The clerk advised that Legislative Services intends to introduce legislation to re-codify Article 2B during the 2016 Session of the General Assembly. This has been an ongoing project spearheaded by Andy Lantner many years ago, to organize the alcoholic beverage laws into those that apply Statewide, then those relative to each individual county.

9. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the November 12, 2015 Minutes.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.